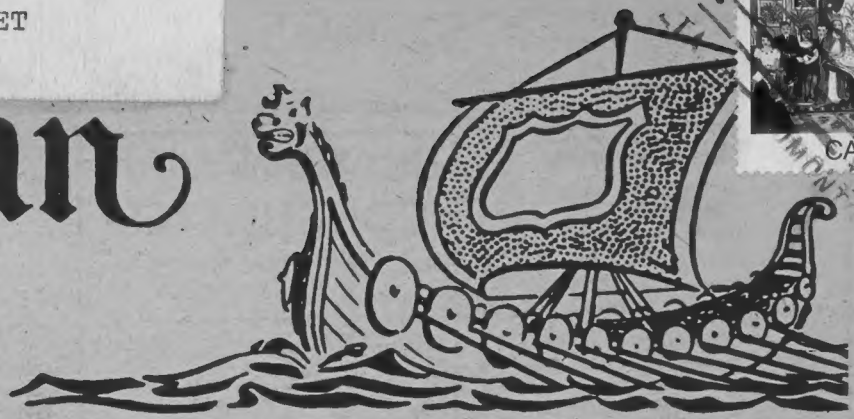




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SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

LET THERE BE LIGHT.

In Sweden on December 13, the holiday season opens with the celebration of the

Santa Lucia tradition. Amid the warmth of family surroundings, bands of singers led by Lucia, a white-robed young

girl wearing a crown of candles and greenery, serve morning coffee and saffron-flavored buns as they softly

'intone the strains of 'Santa Lucia'. According to the legend, Santa Lucia Day is entwined with pagan rites

once invoked to coax the sun out of hiding after the winter's longest night.

CHRISTMAS IS JUL

In the Scandinavian languages, the old Norwegian words 'jol' and 'ylir' mean festival. It is also believed that 'jul' may derive from the old French 'joly', which means 'happy'. Perhaps the Vikings adopted this term during their sojourns in Normandy!

THE TABLE'S GRACES.

Hearty eating is an everyday occurrence in Norway and Sweden, but Christmas and the advent of the New Year put gastronomic gloss on lute-fisk, ham, smoked salmon, and the smorgasbord's dazzling array of herring. The 'jul' sees Norwegians dining on, between other victuals, ptarmigans and reindeer, and choosing cheeses from among Jarlsberg, blue, Edam and Tilsit. As for drink during the holiday season, Sweden's invigorating 'glogg' and the Scandinavian water of life 'akvavit' are the dominant liquid favorites.

CREATURES LARGE AND SMALL.

Not forgotten in Norway at Christmas time are farm animals and the birds who brave the more frigid days. There's extra fodder for the cows and sheep, and the largest sheaf of grain, known as the 'jule nek' is hung on a pole or tree as a special treat for the birds. This extra fodder commemorates the presence of domestic animals in the manger, and the 'jule nek' has its origin in heathen fertility rites. Some farm people believe that the richness of next year's harvest can be forecast by the kinds of birds first attracted to the jule nek.

HEAVEN SCENT

At Christmas time a Scandinavian kitchen is heaven's own cache of scents. In the ovens are deep-fried knot cookies (called klenater in Sweden and klejner in Denmark), and pepparkakor, the Swedish gingerbread, in shapes of reindeer, rabbits and stars. To fortify cookie eaters against wintry blasts, hjortetak (donuts) and fat-tigmann - 'poor man's' - cakes are baked with a generous

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ICELANDIC
NEWSLETTER

The annual general meeting of the Icelandic Society was held at the Northwestern Utilities Auditorium on October 28. The 1984 - 85 executive is as follows:

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A progress report of the restoration of the Markerville Creamery was given by Kris Johnson and Brian Melnyk. Mr. Melnyk showed slides of the creamery restoration as well as

when it was in operation. This presentation was most informative and the interest and support of the members present was most encouraging.

A collection of Stephan G. Stephansson's poetry has been put to song by an Edmonton artist Richard White. Mr. White will be performing his material on several Sundays this summer at the Stephansson House at Markerville. This music will be produced in an album and the Icelandic Society has agreed to lend its support to the project.

The annual Christmas Party will be held at Parkallen Community Club on December 2 at 2 p.m. Tickets on the raffle for a trip to Iceland are going fast. This is a fabulous deal -- includes air fare for two to Iceland in the summer of 1985, or later if the winner so chooses. Travel to Chicago from Western Canada is by Air Canada, and from Chicago to Iceland via Icelandair. It will also cover the cost of a circle tour of Iceland for two, as well as a visit by air to the Westman Islands. All this for just \$10.00!!

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ON NORTH AMERICAN
CONCERT TOUR

STOCKHOLM - The Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra will embark on a major concert tour of North America at the end of October. The 120-piece ensemble will perform under its chief conductor Yuri Ahronovitch.

En route to the American continent, the orchestra will make a concert stopover in Reykjavik, Iceland. From October 24 until November 10, the Stockholm Philharmonic is to play 14 concerts in auditoriums ranging from the Kennedy Center Concert Hall, Washington, D.C., New York's Carnegie Hall and the Roy Thomson Hall, Toronto, Canada, to St. John's High School, West Islip, N.Y., and Mechanics Hall in Worcester, Mass. Other places to be visited include Cathamn, N.J., Hartford and New Haven, Conn., Cleveland, Ohio, Jackson, Mich., and Evanston, Ill.

Yuri Ahronovitch, born and trained in Leningrad, was chief conductor of the Moscow Radio Symphony from 1964 until his emigration to Israel in 1972. He has received international acclaim for his conduction, including for a number of celebrated opera performances. He has recently renewed his contract with the Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra until 1987.

the North American concert tour has been made possible through the financial support of several official Swedish cultural institutions and eight commercial companies: AGA, Alfa-Laval, ASEA, Ericsson, Saab-Scania, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken, the Swedish Tobacco Company, and the US purveyors of Swedish Absolut Vodka. It is thought to be the biggest sponsoring project of its kind ever in Sweden.

DEATH OF IRENE
MARGARET STOLEE

Sorrow is felt on the passing Oct. 2, 1984 of Irene M. Stolee, at age 64, wife of member August of Edmonton. She leaves beside her husband, sons Thomas of Louisiana, Allan with wife and family of Florida; Robert with wife and daughter of Edmonton; and daughter Linda and family also of the city. She also leaves her mother Mrs. Dorothy Eastman; three brothers and three sisters. She will be sorely missed. Our condolences!

INTERESTED

The Sons of Norway, in conjunction with the Scandinavian Club at the U of A Campus, is organizing Folk dancing. Anyone interested is asked to call Kris Nyhus at 487-1450. The first classes started October 27th. The lessons are held between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Saturday at the Students' Union Building on the Campus.

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The Story of VASALOPPET

By Verna Larson,
Cultural Leader,
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A revolt against the brutal and unpopular King Kristian II of Denmark, who ruled all Sweden, Norway and Denmark, led by a young Swedish nobleman, Gustav Eriksson Vasa, began in the Province of Dalarna in 1520. But disappointed over the lack of enthusiasm by the people of Dalarna to join the uprising, he departed on skis in January of 1521 to Norway.

In the meantime, reports reached Mora, in Dalarna, of the Stockholm massacre and other Danish acts of aggression. Realizing that they must rally behind Gustav Vasa in his fight for freedom, they dispatched two of their swiftest skiers to try to stop

him. They caught up to him in Salen, just within the Norwegian border.

He followed the skiers back to Mora where he asked to lead them to battle. Threat was the start of the liberation. The Swedes rose against the Danes and on June 23, 1523, he marched in triumph into Stockholm where he was proclaimed Sweden's new king King Gustav Vasa I.

To commemorate this important historic event, the now famous Vasaloppet was instituted in 1922, which throughout the years has grown to become the world's largest ski race, numbering over 10,000 skiers. Many foreigners join the Swedes to ski the 85 km. stretch from Salen to Mora, starting the 1st Sunday in March of every year.

ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Congratulations to the Rose Berge rink of the Senior Ladies' Curling League at the Granite Curling Club, for scoring an eight-ender on the first end of play on October 25th, 1984.

The members of the team were Rose Berge skip, Selma Domier third, Doris Smith second, and Luella Wilson lead.

Following the excitement it was difficult to concentrate for the rest of

the game, but they won quite convincingly. The last eight-ender scored a the Granite was in 1979.

Rose and Selma, members of Sons of Norway, are active curlers in the S/N Curling League and the S/N Sports Weekend.

Right: The 8-ender rink - Rose Berge, Selma Domier, Doris Smith and Luella Wilson



Scandinavian Christmas Traditions

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dollop of cognac added to the mix. Should a chill linger, the more elaborate goro with a double measure of cognac is the flavored warmer-upper. Cakes and cookies are the sweet-scented accompaniments of the sumptuous scope of Scandinavian Christmas fare solidly founded on goose, ham, roast duck, boiled cod, home made breads, soups and puddings.

Glogg is the common Scandinavian Christmas punch. Almost everyone has his or her favorite recipe. However, they are all basically a variation of the same mix. For the adventuresome readers who wish to add a "punch" to

their Christmas celebration, here is our favorite recipe:

OUR GLOGG RECIPE

- 1 bottle aquavit or vodka
- 2 bottles red wine, preferably Burgundy
- ¾ cup raisins
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cardamon seeds
- 3 cinnamon sticks
- ½ tablespoon whole cloves
- 1 lemon or orange peel
- blanched almonds

Serves 20-25

Pour half the bottle of aquavit or vodka and all wine into a large sauce pan or copper kettle. Add raisins and

sugar. Tie spices in cheesecloth and drop into mixture. Cover pan, bring very slowly to boiling point and let simmer for thirty minutes. (Don't taste!) Then add remaining vodka. Remove from heat and serve. When serving, use a long ladle and serve in egg-nog cups or punch glasses. Remember that GLOGG should be served piping hot over raisins and almonds. Pepparkakor, Swedish gingerbread, go well with glogg.

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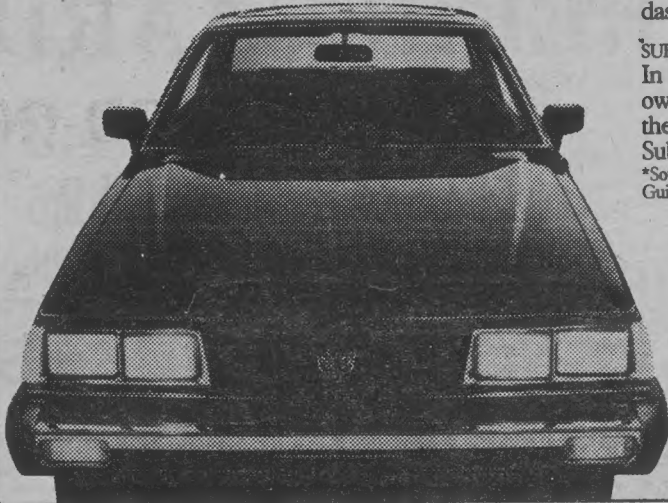
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Christmas Recollection

By the Rev. S.S. Olafsson

The Rev. Sveinbjorn S. Olafsson, assistant pastor at Wesley Methodist church, Minneapolis, was pastor of South St. Paul Methodist church from 1953 to 1961. A native of Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, the Rev. Mr. Olafsson moved to Winnipeg with his family when he was 13.

Of all the seasons of the year, Christmas in Iceland held for me the strangest fascination, wonder and boundless joy. While poverty, simplicity and monotony characterized all of life, Christmas was a time for sheer rejoicing.

At no time was there enough food to satisfy a growing boy. Street lights were nonexistent. Homes were dimly lit with costly kerosene. The strictest economy was necessary. In a land which touches the Artic ocean, where day-light is but of five hours' duration, Christmas meant to me among other things, light.

Preparations began many days, yes weeks, before. - Mutton, the traditional Christmas dish, was smoked. It was hung up in the kitchen, where the cooking was done in an open hearth. The smoke rose, hovered around until it finally escaped through an opening in the roof. There was no chimney.

Mother would bake pancakes, waffles, and cookies a day or so before Christmas. Pancakes were made of rich dough, paper thin, and were sprinkled with sugar and rolled. They were especially appetizing and we children never got our fill of them.

The house was cleaned and swept thoroughly, with all things set in their proper places.

A service of song and praise in the church at 6 p.m. on Christmas eve officially ushered in the holy season. Of all the days of the year, this one was the most joyous, long-looked-for and outstanding.

The church was always crowded with worshippers, as it was the only church in the community of 2,000 people. At other times it was poorly illuminated by two or three small kerosene lamps, but on Christmas

eve the chimneys were shining clean and the wicks neatly trimmed. And candles were burning everywhere a candle could be placed.

This light, bringing so much joy and warmth, in addition to the heavenly singing of the choir, produced an effect on me that has never been equalled. I was too young or preoccupied with other thoughts to retain anything the preacher said, aside from his proclamation: "Tonight Christ is born." Then I was lost in my thoughts again until the choir sang another carol.

On the way home, the conversation would inevitable be about the friendly fairies who were associated with Christmas, who were thought to enter the house during the service in the church, to see that everything was clean and tidy.

Now presents were distributed. It was not a matter of opening packages, for gifts were not wrapped. Mine were few, inexpensive, and much the same each year. But they brought much joy and were greatly sought after. The best gift was candles. They were small, five or six in number, in three or four colors.

To begin with, I lit them all at one time, for I never got enough light. When they were half burned, I blew them all out but one. Now I was miserly with them until they were all gone. I enjoyed seeing each one burn down. Never did I burn any if I had to be gone for a few minutes.

Another gift was an apple. This filled me with wonder for it came from a far country. I felt that it brought me in touch with the outside world. It was strange, beautiful, and delicious.

I handled it tenderly, turning it around and around, enjoying its pleasant aroma. But the time finally came when I had to cut and eat it. I ate one fourth of it each day, thus making it last me four days. I knew that once it was gone, I would not see another until next Christmas.

Once I was given an orange at a school program. This was even stranger than the apple. I had no idea how to peel it or what I would find when I did. A "friend" offered to help. Very neatly he peeled it and laid

all the sections in front of me. As he put a section in his mouth, he said, "I get one for showing you how to do this." There was nothing to do about it. It was an accomplished tragedy. If I felt very keenly that I had been outsmarted. I forgave him, of course, but will probably never forget.

The third present was either a pair of mittens or a scarf, or a pair of sheepskin shoes that mother had made.

As a child I never played with toys from the store. My toys were sheep-legs, jaw bone of sheep, rag balls and the like. To this we children never gave a thought.

These were all the gifts, but they were augmented by good things to eat: waffles, pancakes, and cookies that were parcelled out to each child. These we tried to make last until New Year's. It was sometimes accomplished depending upon how much self-denial was exercised.

After tasting each kind, we placed the rest on a shelf above our bed, where it was easily accessible. As the night progressed the cookies diminished. Sleep did not come easily this night; the church service, the wonderful gifts, and the good things to eat caused too much excitement for that. And the lamp burned its precious kerosene all night in honor of the birth of the Savior.

The total treasures in gifts - some small candles, an apple, and a home-made pair of shoes - were few, simple and inexpensive according to modern standards, but because of them and the singing and the candle-light brilliance in the church, my joy was complete.

I will not venture to say whether children in America today enjoy Christmas more than I did in Iceland 60 years ago, but this I know, the joy of Christmas does not depend upon money.

St. Paul Sunday Pioneer Press,
Dec. 4, 1966

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY



All friends of Tom and Vera Nielsen are invited to an open house in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary to be held on December 1st from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Angus McGugan Nursing home. (By the Royal Alexander Hospital).

Tom was born in Vejle, Denmark, on November 20th, 1895, and Vera was born in Copenhagen, Denmark. They arrived in Canada on March 19th, 1924, and landed on a farm in Plato, Sask. Tom and Vera were married on November 30th, 1924.

they decided to move to Edmonton in 1926 and came to work on a farm in Spruce Grove for three years. Thereafter, they bought a farm at Ardrossan in 1930 and farmed there until 1948. They moved to Edmonton from Ardrossan and have lived here ever since. Tom took up carpentry and worked for a number of years as superintendent for Brodie Construction. In this period of time, Vera was busy entertaining boarders in her home and many young Scandinavian immigrants adopted Vera as their new mother in Canada.

Tom was president for the Danish

Society "Danie" for a considerable period of time and in 1964 he became the first manager of the Scandinavian Centre, an office which he held until he retired.

Vera has been flight director for the Scandinavian Centre since its inception and has been instrumental in sending many a happy Scandinavian to his or her homeland on vacation.

Tom and Vera have always been the first to volunteer when there were things to be accomplished in the Scandinavian community and in spite of their heavy involvement in the community work, they still managed to raise five children: Elsie Duport of Ardrossan, Betty Kjaersgard of Edmonton, Helen Stetson of Las Vegas, John Nielsen of Grand Prairie, and Dennis Nielsen, of Red Deer.

When we look back over the years of their activities in the Scandinavian Community, one might be inclined to think when have two people done so much for so many for so little.

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DANIA DOINGS

From the President's Desk - Kaare Lindboe

Dania's Annual Meeting was held on October 24, 1984 at the Saxony Motor Inn, and was well attended. I thank you all for voting me back as President for another year. I hope and trust that we shall have a good and successful year with some good events. A personal thanks to the 1983/84 board members, you all did the club proud. For the new term, we welcome back Bodil to the Board, she replaces Morten who had to resign because of working out of town so much. I hope we will see you back some day, Morten - and thank you so much for your support.

At our meeting it was unanimously carried to change our name to the Danish Canadian Society "Dania". It was also agreed that students, 18 years and over, in full time attendance at a school or university, can become members for \$5.00. So all you young people, no more excuses - come on out.

Our October dance was held at the Saxony, and was attended by 161 people. It appeared everyone had a good time. The Good Neighbors supplied the music, and kept the dance floor in very good use. We welcomed visitors from Denmark, B.C. and the club in Red Deer.

First thing coming up this year will be the Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 16, 1984 at 2:00 p.m. this year's party will be held at the Mayfield Community Hall, located at 10941 - 161 Street, Edmonton. Make sure you get your children signed up.

Our New Year's dinner and dance is January 5, 1985 at the Saxony Motor Inn. I hope to see you all out for this party.

In the year to come we are looking at Film Nights, Fishing Derby, Fall Camp-out, and of course some good

dances - so stay in touch.

We have started a few new things. First, our photo album which will be displayed at all our gatherings. Have a look, you may be in it. Secondly, our guest book which will be at the dances. Please be sure to sign it, it helps us to know when visitors are in town. Thirdly, our \$1.00 envelopes which were introduced at the October Dance. Look out for them and make your contributions - you may be the lucky winner who walks away with the prize next October.

I hope that everybody in the Club will have a new member signed up by the end of January. To be successful we need people, and believe me, this Board wants to be successful. One of the benefits of being a member is that wherever you are in Canada you can go to any club and be welcomed as a member. For us in Alberta we will have easy access to the activities, at membership cost, in both Red Deer and Calgary, and of course as a member, you can visit the very attractive Mermaid Inn in Calgary. Drop in

and say "Hi" from Edmonton.

I'll finish by saying: We did it in '84, let's really go for it in '85.

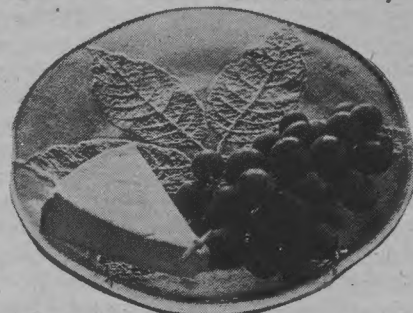
PS: If any of you have caps, pens or whatever we can use for spot dance prizes at the dances, please contact one of the Board members.

PIONEER TURNS 89

On Tuesday, November 20th, an old and valued friend of the Scandinavian Community celebrated his 89th birthday. Everyone in the Scandinavian Community extends their best wishes to Tom Nielsen on this occasion.


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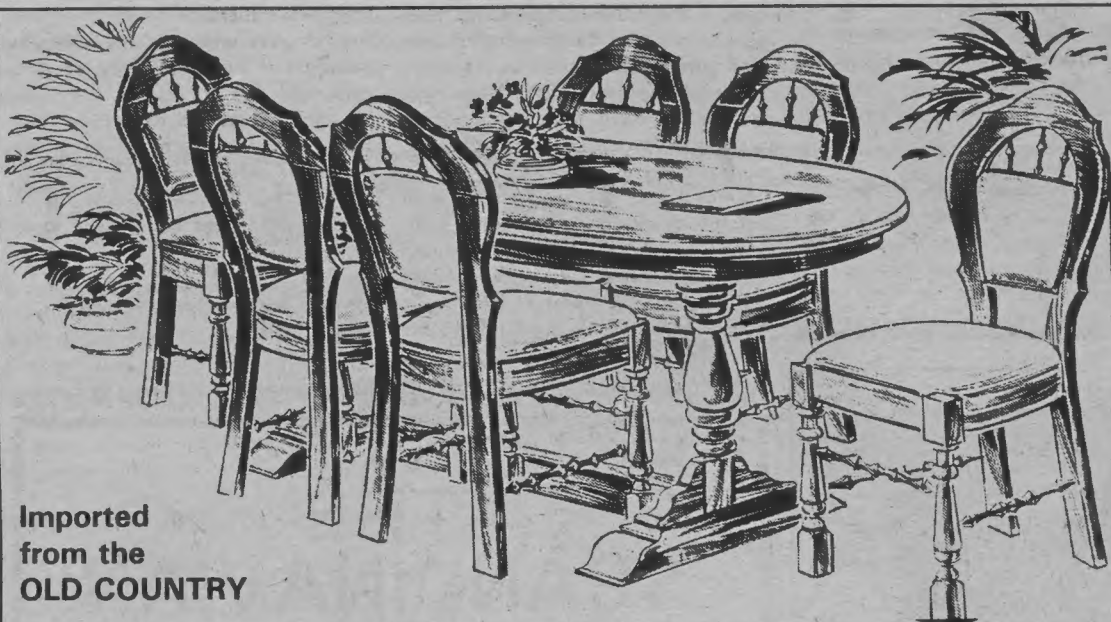
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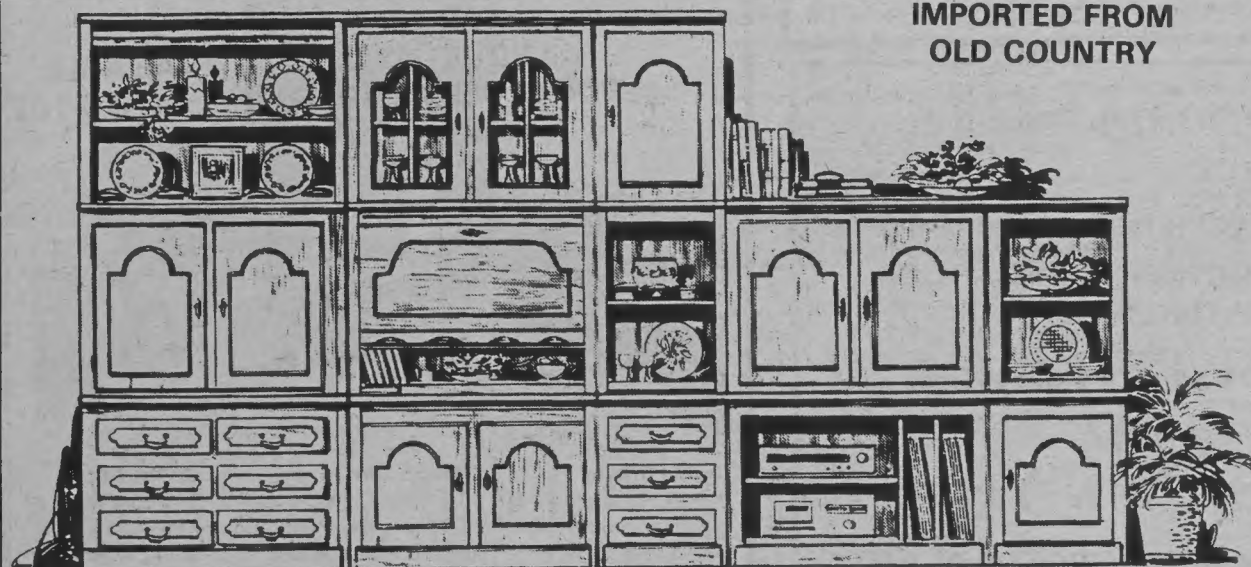
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The Christmas season in Denmark officially begins November 29th when the giant tree is lit in Copenhagen's Town Hall Square. On the same day, the Christmas lights of Copenhagen illuminate the city, from every home and apartment window to the elegant shop and department store displays along the Strøget, Copenhagen's mile-long pedestrian shopping street and one of Europe's most fashionable promenades.

PREPARING IS THE MOST FUN-

While November 29th may be the official Christmas season kick-off, the Danes' enthusiasm for the happiest time of the year begins growing long before that. In fact, for families all across Denmark, preparing for the

holidays is as much fun as the big day itself. A full-blown Danish Christmas -- the result of weeks of cooking, decorating, planning, shopping and more cooking -- is, in the words of Hans Christian Andersen, "magnificent, unforgettably magnificent."

DRESSED FOR CHRISTMAS -

By early December, just about every home and shop in Denmark is dressed up for Christmas. Paper chains, cardboard pixies and fairies, mobiles and candles cover the living room, while out in the kitchen, cut-out gnomes, angels and birds keep watch over freshly-baked Christmas cookies and cakes. Most decorations are handmade by the children and their parents, for again, the preparation is

half the fun of Christmas.

The most important decoration of all in any Danish home is the Christmas tree. In his 1846 story, "The Fir Tree", Hans Christian Andersen tells how the tree is traditionally cut down in the woods, brought home and decorated with cones and hearts cut out of glazed paper. It is then donned with sweets, apples, walnuts, candles and red and white Danish flags. "Was I really born for such a glorious destiny?" the fir tree wondered.

FIRST CHRISTMAS SEAL -

Another important Danish Christmas tradition, one that has found its way into the hearts of people the world over, is the Christmas

seal. The world's first Christmas seal was introduced in Denmark in 1904, the idea of a postmaster who thought it a good way to aid sick children who might not be able to fully enjoy Christmas. In 1904, the cost of one Christmas seal was about a penny!

CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER -

After all the anticipation and "work", the big day finally arrives. Danish custom is to exchange gifts on Christmas Eve and the biggest meal of the holidays is served on the night before Christmas. Almost to the last Danish home, Christmas Eve dinner is the grandest meal of the year. Traditionally, it consists of rice pudding sprinkled with cinnamon, roast goose stuffed with apples and prunes and

served with red cabbage and caramelized potatoes, with dessert of apple cake topped with heavy whipped cream.

Christmas, a day when family and friends gather at each others homes, is a boisterous and social day in Denmark. It is a day when a groaning lunch table is set up featuring several kinds of herring, caviar, shrimp, meat balls, pate, smoked leg of lamb, cold roast pork, salads, and half a dozen different cheeses, all washed down with beer and aquavit. The table stays filled for most of the day so that everyone who visits will have plenty to eat and drink.



SONS OF NORWAY HOST RECEPTION



Judge Pisesky, Reidun Berg, Astrid Hope and R.C.M.P. Official.

By Astrid Hope

On Wednesday, October 19th, Sons of Norway hosted the reception after the Citizenship Ceremony at Harley Court. 67 candidates became Citizens of Canada, representing 26 different countries eg. Denmark, British Isles, Germany, Ethiopia, Paraguay, India, Egypt, Lebanon, Nigeria and Poland among them. His Honour Rudy Pisesky, Citizen-

ship Court Judge, presided. To about 100 people, including candidates, friends and children, Reidun Berg and Astrid Hope were the servers of refreshments. Additional lunch was also provided by Orla Tychsen and Betty Broen. Thank you Ladies! The beautiful lunch, which included lefse and krumkake and squares, soon disappeared. Not only Norwegians love it!

NEW S/N LODGE INSTITUTED

By Bob Burt

The latest Sons of Norway Lodge #595 of Millet, will be instituted December 1st, when charter members will be initiated and the first executive installed. This first meeting will be held at the Wetaskiwin Memorial Centre.

It is expected that District 4 President Everitt Knudsvig, District 4 Director Don Weddell, and International Director Roy Swanberg will be present. The Free-loaders will entertain and members from nearby lodges Edmonton, Camrose, Red Deer and Calgary will welcome the new members.

We welcome this 'bon enfant' into the Fraternal Fellowship ring of District 4 and in the Association. CONGRATULATIONS.

SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

By Bob Burt

The December Executive meeting will be held on the 3rd, at the home of Per Nielsen.

The November executive meeting was held at the home of Ken Domier Nov. 5th at which time much discussion of Lodge business was hashed over.

The annual Christmas Party will be held this year December 16th at MacKay House 10425 - 99 Ave., Room 8, commencing at 2 p.m. Those wishing to bring children please phone Orla Tychsen 489-5815 or Keith Lillevolden 455-5558 indicating how many will be in your party.

As usual there will be a pot-luck supper, so bring what you and your group would eat and a bit more of your favorite dish. Entertainment will be provided, and the usual Christmas treats will be given out. Santa will visit-early for this gathering.

Plans and dates or times have not been finalized for the January Installation of new Executive, But Lutfiske Supper is still on the menu and you can look forward to it; you will be notified.

The Lief Ericson party had to be

cancelled due to poor response, lack of publicity and interest. It is felt that the loss of the Scandinavian Centre, meetings held at various places and higher costs have all added to the lack of interest and enthusiasm. Assistance and support are essential to promote Sons of Norway. We do have a large membership; all we need is turnout at meetings and club functions.

The October 18th General meeting was cancelled due to the Early Snow Storm.

There are 10 Curling Rinks, membership members, actively curling at Belmont Curling Club each Friday evening. Also there are 10 bowling teams turning out each Tuesday evening. For further information in league bowling, interested parties call Wayne Sundby 451-5859 or Wanda Scott. For extra curlers to form rinks, you can get into the swing of things by calling Willie or Melvin Duscherer at 475-3991.

Members of Sons of Norway Solglyt 143 who are actively involved in studying Norwegian at the U. of A. include Coco Barnett, Selma Domier and Keith Lillevolden all taking Norwegian 100; while Linda Domier is attending Norwegian 300 lectures. Good effort on your advanced studies in Language!!!

The "Ski for Light" program will celebrate its 10th Anniversary at Summit City, Colorado. The Canadian Branch will hold their Winter Games activities at Kamloops in February. As Per Nielsen is president of the Canadian Group, the local lodge is pledging their monetary support.

The S.O.N. Language and Cultural Camp will be hosted next year by the Olds Lodge; both Ronning Lodge of Camrose and Valhalla of Calgary declined the responsibility. More will be written on next year's camp concerning dates, places and responsibilities.

The "St. Hans Fest" activities this coming year are slated for June 21-24th to be held at St. Basil's Lutheran Camp-site at Mulhurst. Facilities are available for sleeping accommodation, trailer hook-ups, cooking, picnic tables, volleyball, boating, baseball, horseshoes, and golf courses are nearby. A deposit has been made to hold this site. We will never forget the excellent beach and fishing and all the facilities that were provided by the Andersons; and we could never thank them enough for their support throughout the many years we accepted their hospitality; THANKS INGE & ANDERS AND THE ANDERSON FAMILIES.

"WINTER GAMES" will be held in one of the later weekends of March. Schedules, accommodation and

DANISH CANADIAN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Dear Members,

I hope you had a good summer and that you are now ready to participate in the club's activities for the coming season. The club had its first annual meeting with a very good turn-out. A thank you is extended to the members who came out. We welcome Helen Nielsen, Birgit Langhammer and Birthe Krogh as new members of the board and thank them for accepting the challenge. A special thank you is extended to Ole Hansen for a job well done as the club's first president and to Lene Holgersen, who did a tremendous job as our first secretary. The new board of directors look forward to seeing our club grow stronger in the coming year, but we need your help with organizing the various activities, and we would be most interested to hear any suggestions you may have. Together we can make our club the best.

Best regards
Kai

Those were the words from Kai Lyng, our club's new president, at our first annual meeting Sept. 5,

1984

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We need committee chairmen for membership and fundraising. If this appeals to you please come forward. And this goes for volunteers as well as for all the other committees. We need all the help from our membership we can get. "Don't just think about it! DO IT!"

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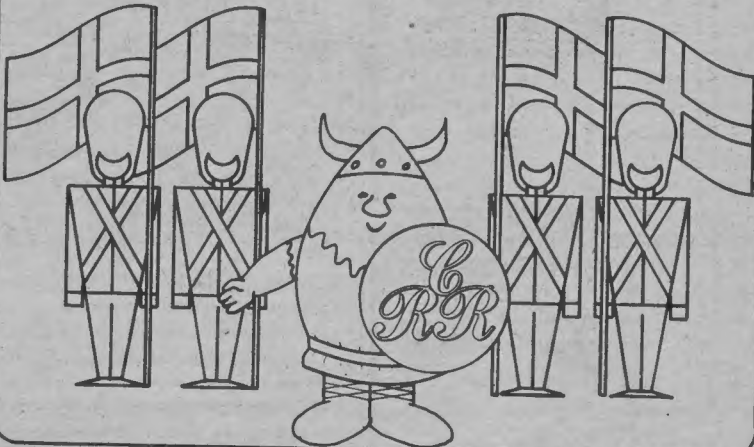
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Solglyt Spotlight

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The games will be held this coming year at Camrose; Ronning Lodge 509 is the Sponsoring Club. It is expected that the various lodges are honing up their sporting activities for this coming annual extravaganza and friendly fraternal get-together. This postponed date might be good for bowlers, curlers and whist players, but it could be too late for the Skiers. More on this sporting activity in the next issue.

Ken Domier, our Past President, spent a week in Oct. in Madrid, Spain, as Canada's Delegate for the International Standards Meeting. Eleven countries were represented at this gathering to deal with "Safety and comfort of Tractor Operation". Could this be a dream come true also?

Harry and Bea Huser and family attended the 90th birthday celebration held for Bea's mother, Gunhild Oleana daily (nee Grovum), at Ashmont, Alberta, September 8th. More than 100 guests wished Mrs. Daily well at the open house held in her home.

S.O.N. calendars have been printed promoting the 90th anniversary. These are available both in American and Canadian versions, and include S.O.N. NAMES, DATES, occasions, anniversaries and activities pertaining to the lodges. For further information contact Ken Domier or Betty Broen.

HARD TIME AND LABSKAUS PARTY

A wholesome Labskaus Supper followed by a General Meeting and dance was held September 15th at the Saxony Inn. The theme of the evening was "Hard times", made obviously by the dress of several of the members. The dance band "The 39ers" was asked to judge best costumes; they chose Beatrice Huser and Norman Legaarden as the winners. They received prizes of a Zucchini and Cabbage, which had been donated.

Chris and Bernice Nyhus spent a two-week holiday in October visiting relatives and friends in the interior of B.C. and on the West coast. While away they celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Our con-

gratulations to this couple on this occasion.

Astrid Hipe spent a week in Sept. with her mother, Lydia Tagseth, of Govan, Sask, who celebrated her 88th birthday.

Dale and Olga McBride spent a week's holiday in October visiting Dale's relatives at Brooks and Calgary.

Alvin and Margaret Searl of Swift Current, Sask, spent a few days visiting old friends in Edmonton. Alvin is a former member of Solglyt.

the sewing club meeting for October was held at Edythe Johnson's. The November 20th meeting was held at Alice Stewart's. The Christmas meeting and party will be held December 11th at Evelyn Johnson's residence.

By Kaye Kerr

'Great food', 'good music', 'a good crowd' and 'an enjoyable time' were just a few of the remarks heard about the Smorgasbord on October 20th. Everything was as good as promised.

Alice Sorensen, with the help of the Ladies' Club and some men from the Lodge, prepared a feast of a great variety of Swedish dishes for a crowd of some 200. Just to mention a few of the dishes - Swedish meatballs, 2 kinds of pickled herring, pres sylta, Kalv (veal) sylta, pork stuffed with prunes, pigs' feet, roast beef, potato salad and a variety of green salads and jellied salads, thin bread, Swedish rye bread, pickles, desserts of every description, grapes and cheese.

After the meal Neil Forsberg and his 4-piece band struck up a fine tune and before long everyone was on the floor dancing the hours away. Thank you ladies for all your hard work. We are already looking forward to next year's Smorg!

The annual Christmas Party will be held on December 9th at the Highlands Masonic Hall, 118th Avenue, 156 Street, Edmonton.

Winnie and Oscar Pearson of Vancouver were in Edmonton to help Margaret Eliason celebrate her birthday.

Congratulations go out to Martha. Cont. on page 9

THE SCANDINAVIAN CLUB

by Linda Domier, President

The University of Alberta Scandinavian Club is now in its second year of existence and going strong.

Never heard of it, 'you say?' Well then, as President I feel it is my duty to fill you in on what you have been missing.

The Scandinavian club was formed in the fall of 1983 by some students taking Scandinavian courses at the University of Alberta. The purpose of the club is to allow students with an interest in Scandinavian to get together. While most of the members are students between the ages of 18 and 25, there are also members in their 30's, 40's and 50's. Age is not important to us. What we want to see are people with an interest in Scandinavia.

Of course not everyone in the club is enrolled in a course offered by the Scandinavian Department. Some of them have Scandinavian backgrounds, have traveled or worked in Scandinavia, or are merely intrigued by the area and want to learn more about it.

We try to satisfy everyone's interests by offering a variety of activities throughout the year. In the past we have shown films, either made in Scandinavia, or about it; we have had guest speakers from universities and the consulate; we have had weekly afternoon get-togethers and evening coffee houses. All events are opportunities to get to know your fellow "Scandihoovians".

For those who know one of the Scandinavian languages, there are many opportunities to practice, and for those who don't, well here is the perfect chance to learn. While Norwegian tends to be the dominant language because it is taught at the University, there are also members who know Swedish, Danish and Icelandic.

For those who are interested in going to school in Scandinavia, we can provide some hints about who to talk to as well as advice based on our own experiences. Some have gone to Folk High School, others to the International Summer School at the University of Oslo.



SKANDIA NEWS

Travelling is another big area of interest and we've got lots of experience in that field.

Another area which we are hoping to get involved in is cross-country skiing. We're thinking about renting a cabin for a weekend, or having some afternoon sessions or workshops. Hopefully this will take place sometime after Christmas.

Of course Scandinavian food is always on our minds. Last year we had our first Scandinavian Food Fest, which was a smashing success. This year we plan to repeat the event; maybe it will become an annual affair.

This year we are also planning to have a Traditional Scandinavian Christmas Party, featuring Scandinavian style baking and our infamous (very strong) coffee. Some brave souls have volunteered to put on a skit with a Viking theme. All in all it looks like a great time. It is planned for Saturday December 1, 1984.

If you are interested in joining the Scandinavian Club, please contact me as soon as possible at 434-6532. As a university club we must have students as the majority of our membership but we do have room for non-students who want to join. As well, non-students can attend all events as non-members and are welcome to do so. For example, we have some of our people attending the Folk Dancing Classes on Saturday afternoons at McKay House. I hope to hear from you soon, and looking forward to meeting new members at our next function.



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Presentation of voting membership in the Canadian Foundation by Ken Domier, Director, to Gary Johnson



Prize - winners Bea Huser and Norm Legaarden

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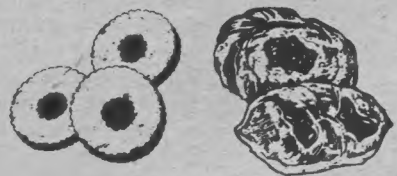
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SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD OF The Scandinavian Centre

Your Board of Directors have now met on 5 consecutive meetings since our general meeting in the beginning of the year 1984. I am sure that you all know our year 1984 has not been a successful year. Neither for the Scandinavian Centre or for anyone else in the province of Alberta due to the steady decline of the economy. However, your Board of Directors in the past seven months have had five meetings and some of the highlights of these meetings are as follows:

1. We have been working on the assessment of our downtown building project to try to have our cost cut down in regard to taxes on our building and also to have the downtown property cleaned up. The latest we have is a quotation for demolition of the old building which we have a request from the City building Department to have the building removed by December 31, 1984. I do think we can meet that deadline with very little money needing to be spent on the property. Therefore, the property should be more saleable rather than with the old building on it.

2. Heritage Days has now come and gone. I believe it was a success speaking to the many volunteers that went out and again this year did a fantastic job. The Scandinavians sold to the Heritage Days concession all of our inventory such as cutlery etc. for \$150.00.

3. Scandinavian News are doing well. Knud-Holm Pedersen seems to have taken a good hold of it. He started from 325 subscriptions at the beginning of the year and now has 437. However, as we all know we need more subscribers and do need help with new ideas and of course he can always use some financial help towards the Scandinavian News which I am sure you all like to get into

your home.

4. Charter flight to Scandinavian countries. Again a very big thank you to Vera Nielsen who has done an outstanding job again this year. Vera Nielsen turned over to the Scandinavian Centre a cheque of \$4,000.00 to help our need to keep our finances in good working order. Again a very big thank you to Vera.

5. As you all know the Scandinavian Centre has in Storage some of the following items:

- an old Xerox copier.
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- a Scandinavian style desk.
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and very many other goodies such as chairs and tables, kitchen equipment which we would dearly love to sell if anyone knows of anyone that can use this equipment. Where it is now it is going to be obsolete by the time we get back in the swing of a new building or whatever we will be doing in the future.

6. In regard to share transfers, the board of Directors have again decided that all share transfers can be done from one person to another. However, to redeem any shares at the present time is not possible due to other commitments the centre has. any information in regard to share transfers should be turned over to Ray Nyroos.

7. Wally Broen, our accountant, is working extremely hard on trying to straighten out with Revenue Canada and the City of Edmonton Tax Department the best deal we can possibly make in regard to sales of our old

Scandinavian Centre and our existing properties. We do have a firm offer on the sale of one piece of property in the West end location. However, I can not tell you too much about it at this time but we will be advising you in the next issue.

8. Viking Ship - we do have a very good viking Ship which I am sure can be put to good use by someone. It is in storage and if anyone knows if this could be used somewhere please contact one of the board members.

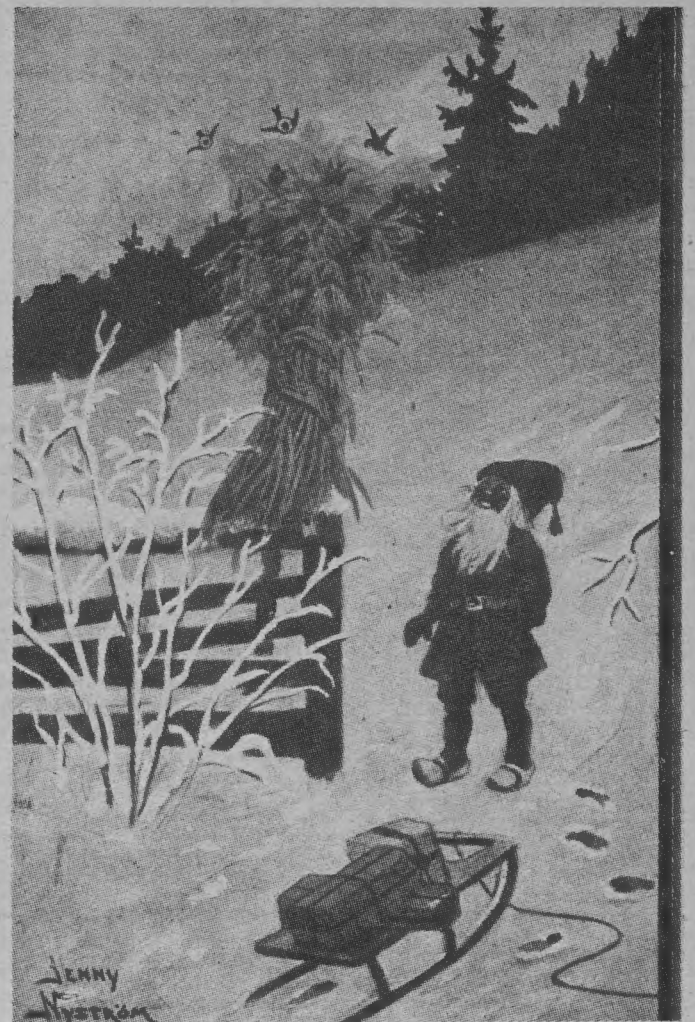
9. The Centre has a Pitney Bowes postage machine which we are committed to lease for another two years. This postage machine costs the Centre \$86.55 every 3 months so if anybody out there could use this piece of equipment, please contact the Board of Directors.

The above items which I have listed is just a few of the many items that go through at a Board meeting. As I mentioned earlier, we had five of them in the past seven months and I can assure you all of the Board Members are working very hard. However, there is a lot of discouragement due to our economy. Our land value has dropped considerably in resale value. As you know all the money the Centre has saved in the past many years from the sale of the old building is going down the drain. It is not all lost. However, let me assure you we are trying to do our very, very best and we will have a complete accounting for approval of the membership at our general meeting coming up in the Spring.

With Best Regards,

Your Chairman of the
Scandinavian Centre

Kurt O. Sorensen.



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Hokanson of Vancouver who was 90 years old on October 29th.

the Swedish House at Half Moon Bay, California, where Anders Bjorklund was their host.

Henry and Linnea Lodge have returned from a three-week motor trip in the U.S.. They visited Gus and Janet Carlson, Laramie, Wyoming; Hale and Maxine Mann and daughter Susan in Denver, Colorado; sister Alma Wicklund in San Francisco. They spent their 35th wedding anniversary in Jackson, Wyoming. One of the interesting spots was a visit to

The time and place has not been set for the next Ladies' Meeting. You will be notified when the November meeting will be held.

Watch for the article by our Cultural Leader, Verna Larson.

NEW CULTURAL DIVISION ANNOUNCED

By Astrid Hope,

On Thursday, November 8th Premier Peter Lougheed and the Honourable Mary Lemessurier, Minister of Culture invited past and present members of the Cultural Heritage Council to a reception held at the Edmonton Convention Centre to celebrate the introduction of the "ALBERTA CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT", on November 2nd, 1984.

This Act encouraged the council to seek greater representation and participation of cultural communities throughout the province.

Approximately 250 people attended representing many ethnic groups. Premier Lougheed spoke on this special occasion. He stated that the Alberta Government has introduced several new initiatives in support of the development of Cultural Heritage in Alberta. These initiatives built upon the accomplishments of the past and recognized the valuable contribution made by ethno-cultural groups to the development of our province.

The new Cultural Heritage Division, headed by an Assistant Deputy Minister, is being established in the Department of Culture. Mary Lemessurier, during her speech introduced Beth Bryant as the Assistant Deputy Minister.

Earlier this year the Alberta Cultural Heritage Foundation endorsed an increase in lottery revenue to the Foundation from Western Canada Lottery (Alberta Division). This allows greater opportunities for organizations and persons to participate in the preservation, development and promotion of the Cultural Heritage of Alberta.

Members from the Scandinavian community, Edmonton, were Gary



Linnea Lodge, Anne Sahuri and Astrid Hope; Anneli and Jaakko Thurlin in background.

Johnson, presently a member of the Heritage Council, representing the Norwegians of Alberta; Anne Sahuri, Anneli and Jaakko Thurlin (Finnish); Linnea Lodge (Swedish); Astrid Hope (Norwegian). Consuls in attendance were Arne Johannessen (Norwegian), Lars Fahlström (Swedish), and Al Arneson (Icelandic).

The purposes of the Cultural Heritage Divisions will be:

- to recognize and endorse the Cultural Heritage of Alberta.
- to encourage the preservation, enhancement and development of artistic, historical and language resources by ethno-cultural groups in Alberta.
- to foster circumstances under which the Cultural Heritage of Alberta is treated as a positive factor in economic social, artistic and educational development.

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FINNISH FOOTNOTES

By Anja Sahuri

The annual Hallowe'en - Masquerade Party was held at the Hungarian Cultural Centre on October 27th, 1984. Many costumes were worn, and the best lady's costume prize was awarded to Toini Virtanen, who came as a little girl; the best

men's costume was awarded Jim VanEs who came as a prisoner in a striped suit; and the best couple was Kati Vaisanen and Sirkka Rasi who came as a pioneer couple. Chicken dinner was served and all the ghosts and mermaids and weirdos had lots of fun.



A ghost leaves for the hallowe'en party

80th BIRTHDAY OF MRS. BERTHA RAMA

A surprise Birthday party was held for Mrs. Bertha Rama on October 28th for the occasion of her 80th Birthday. Many people from near and far came to wish Happy Birthday to ever-young Mrs. Rama.

Flowers and gifts were presented on behalf of all her friends by John Sahuri and Raila Hagman with the best wishes from everybody. The gifts included some Finnish Glass and a cameo with gold necklace.

Everybody enjoyed the afternoon and all the delicious food prepared by the ladies in attendance. Out-of-town guests included her son Bill, his wife and children, Joan Koivuneva from Calgary and Mrs. Itkkanen from LaLa Biche. Bill Rama and his wife came all the way from Nova Scotia.

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Mrs. Bertha Rama opens her gifts, watched by husband, John.

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And when at last the fire died out, the remnant of the log was put away until next yuletide, to kindle with it a new log.

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Consecration of New Danish Church



New Danish Church in Burnaby.

The Danish congregation in Greater Vancouver has built a new church in Burnaby. The white church with its red tile roof is a replica of a typical Danish village church. The new beautiful church is located on Kincaid Street, next to the Danish old people's home Dania.

The new Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church was consecrated on Sunday, October 14, 1984. At ten o'clock a replica of the Jelling Stone, Denmark's so-called Birth Certificate, was revealed, as well as a dolmen: three or four boulders with one big stone laid on top as a cover. The cornerstone was then revealed by Oluf Borsholt, who had helped build the first Danish church on 19th Avenue.

Present on this occasion, from the Danish Church Abroad, were DKU President, Bishop Johannes W. Jacobsen, DKU Chairman Pastor Christian Dickmeiss, DKU Secretary General, Pastor Egon Christiansen, Pastor Holger Madsen, Edmonton, and Pastor Lars Basboll, Calgary, along with about 400 proud

parishoners. The new church was officially consecrated when Bishop Jacobsen said, "Saa erklærer jeg nu, at dette hus og alt, hvad det rummer, ved Guds ord og bon er indviet og taget i brug som guds hus og kirke for den danske menighed i British Columbia".

Following the very beautiful and solemn consecration service, wine and kransekage were served in the church hall. In the evening, a banquet celebrating the dedication was held at Sheraton Villa Inn. The church's new flag, donated by Danmarks Samfundet, was dedicated; numerous speeches were made; and the Danish Choir sang memorable Danish songs.

A Danish Lutheran congregation was first created in Vancouver in 1924. The church on 19th Avenue was consecrated in August 1937. The new and larger church in Burnaby is a symbol of the faith of the Danish community in Greater Vancouver, not least their faith in the future.

Rolf Buschardt Christensen

CULINARY CORNER

By K. Holm-Pedersen.

Recently I had the pleasure of having lunch with a friend at the Royal Copenhagen Restaurant. The only apparent problem I encountered was to pick from a luncheon menu with 64 different delicious items. When I finally made up my mind, I found that the quality of the meal fully came up to my expectations and I further found that the service was quite professional and nobody called me a chap or a guy or anything worse.

The surroundings are pleasant and the decor quite different from the average restaurant in town. The Royal Copenhagen is now open for dining every night except Sunday and features a continental menu. Their banquet facilities can handle up to 120 persons and the banquet room is decorated with scenes from the Old Port of Copenhagen. Very pleasant indeed.

The takeout facilities feature such Scandinavian delicacies as: Marinated Herring, Fried fish Fillets, Leverpostej, Rullepolse, Spegepolse, Salt Kod, and much much more.

From the pastry department, you can order Kringler, Kransekage, Macaroons, Torkager, Tarteletter, etc.

Hasse Gustafson, formerly of Ann's Bakery, is now in charge of the pastry department and will utilize his many years experience to satisfy even the most sophisticated tastes.

By Astrid Hope, Cultural Director, Solglyt Lodge, Sons of Norway

On November 18, the Freeloaders will be entertaining at Elmwood Lodge.

On December 1st, the Freeloaders have been invited to participate in the Installation of the new Millet Lodge #595. More about that in a later issue.

Cultural Corner

Government House Christmas Scandinavian Groups have been invited by the M.L.A.'s to participate in celebrating Christmas at Government House on December 17th. Astrid Hope is in charge of having their Christmas tree decorated, Norwegian style. The entertainment will include the Swedish Santa Lucia pageant;

Icelandic choir; and the Finnish Dancers; the Danes will provide the Christmas baking. Government House asks a different Ethnic group each year to do the program.

Watch for December 15th! At the time of printing, plans haven't been

quite finalized, but 'A Celebration of Christmas' sponsored by the Journal will start November 30th. Once December 15th tentative plans for MacKay House include a Norwegian Christmas display, sale of Christmas baking and possibly the 'Freeloaders' will provide the entertainment. Plan to come out. (This project is similar in principle to last years 'Ethnic Christmas' at the Edmonton Convention Centre.)

TROLLHAUGEN SOCIETY MEET

A meeting was called of the Trollhaugen Language and Cultural Camp Society October 27th at the home of Gary Ayer in Calgary, when a group was appointed to look after the administration of the Language Camp.

A slate of Officers was named which include: Chairperson Selma

Dorin; Vice-Chairperson Bea Huser; Secretary Melody Kobberstad; Treasurer Tom Svenson; together with Directors Bjorn Bjersten, Harry Huser, Emil Dorin and Astrid Hope. This group is to act in an administrative capacity to look after obtaining instructors, requesting grants, ordering food and equipment

necessary to run the camp, and looking to the promotion and registering of camp attendance.

Torske Klubben will remain the sponsoring body, to keep an eye on the wants and needs of the camp.

A very much appreciated lunch was provided for those in attendance.



Norwegian Accordion Virtuoso Roy Hansen and Friends at the Sons of Norway Convention held at the Hyatt Hotel, Vancouver, in August, playing "Nidelven" (Submitted by Olav Sveen)

SWEEDISH CO-OP SALES DURING FIRST HALF OF 1984

STOCKHOLM — KF, the Swedish cooperative wholesale and industrial group, reports sales of Kr.12.9 billion (\$1,570,000,000) for the first half of 1984, up 14% on the same period last year. The result prior to this year-end provisions and taxes was down from Kr. 11.3 million to Kr.96 million. The subsidiary KF Industry upped sales 21% to Kr.4.6 billion, with export sales increasing 31%. The subsidiary Reso travel agency increased sales 16% to Kr.670 million.

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TORSKE KLUBBEN MONTHLY MEET

By Bob Burt

A supper meeting was held November 6th for Torske Klubben members and their guests at the Saxony Inn. A very good attendance was present to enjoy the highly-praised full-course meal, with Black Cod the specialty.

Following the meal with all its jollity and toasts, it was announced that the next meeting Dec. 8th, was LADIES' NITE with the cost \$17.50 each. Be sure to get your names and guests registered.

Guest speakers at this meeting

were Ron Nichol and Jack Macki, both Torske members as well as skiers and road runners. Excellent films were shown of ski jumping, and of the Shell Oil Cross-Country ski race held in Edmonton some years ago. A further talk was given on Cross-Country skiing promoting Edmonton ski areas and races and events coming up. It was said that Edmonton will promote Ski Jumping and that additional jumps will be provided.

Ole Hovind introduced the speakers, and Ken Domier thanked both Ron and Jack, presenting them with an appropriate memento.



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followed by:
Fellowship lunch and congregation

Christmas party

Dec. 16 - 11:00 A.M. Danish Service
Dec. 23 - 11:00 A.M. English Service with Holy Communion
Dec. 24 - 3:00 P.M. - Danish Christmas eve service
- 4:30 P.M. English Christmas eve service.

Dec. 25 - 11:00 A.M. - English Christmas morning service.
Dec. 30 - 11:00 A.M. Danish Service
Jan. 6 - 11:00 A.M. Danish Service with Holy Communion
Jan. 13 - 11:00 A.M. English Service with Holy Communion
Jan. 20 - 11:00 A.M. Danish Service
Jan. 27 - 11:00 A.M. English Service

SUPPORT FOR HERITAGE DAYS

By Bob Burt

Mayor Lawrence Decore of Edmonton, in promotion of Edmonton's 80th Birthday celebration this coming year, has pledged his support this coming summer of the Ethnic organizations for Heritage Days the first weekend in August.

The five ethnic Scandinavian Organizations have joined to form a Scandinavian Co-op, a non-profit organization.

This group is formed for Heritage Days to coordinate functions, and correlate group events.

A ten-member Board of Directors has been named and By-Laws are presently being drawn up. The Board will call an Annual meeting, inviting six delegates from each lodge to make decisions and to be brought up to date on functions and events.

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STOCKHOLM - The rent freeze in Sweden, introduced in conjunction with a general price freeze in April this year, will be lifted at the end of October if a bill to this end is duly ap-

proved by parliament. The general price freeze was lifted at the end of June after having been in force for 2½ months.

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